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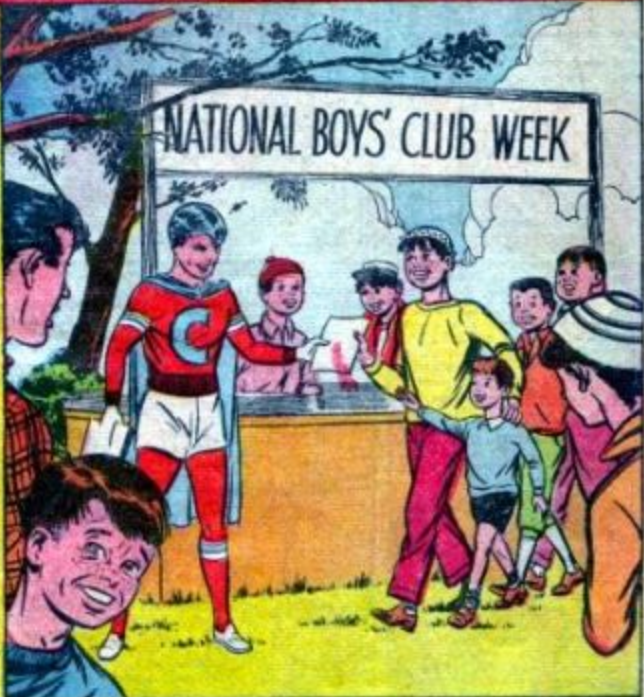
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## ARE TOUGH GUYS REALLY TOUGH?

Story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

SOME PEOPLE CYNICALLY DENOUNCE OUR WAY OF LIFE TODAY—YET, COMPARED TO KING ARTHUR, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, WE WHO ARE LIVING IN THIS CENTURY, ARE COMPARATIVELY LIVING TEN LIFETIMES TO HIS ONE! WE SEE MORE, HEAR MORE, CAN ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE IN AN AFTERNOON AT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY THAN HE AND HIS ENTIRE COURT COULD IN A LIFETIME! THEN, A HORSE AVERAGED FOUR MILES AN HOUR, AND FEW WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO OWN ONE! TODAY, IT'S THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE NOT TO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO A CAR THAT AVERAGES FORTY! OUR GREATEST SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE LAST FIFTY YEARS! AND WE CAN SAY THE SAME FOR OUR SOCIAL PROGRESS, CONTRARY TO SOME OPINIONS! THERE, TOO, WE ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES, BUT THEY ARE COSTLY ONES! FOR, UNLIKE SCIENCE, THE LEGAL AND SOCIAL STANDARDS BY WHICH WE LIVE, WE GAINED AT A HEAVY PRICE—FOR IT'S ALWAYS THE CASE OF CLOSING THE BARN DOOR TOO LATE! THE GREAT FIRE BROUGHT ON MORE FIRE LAWS AND PRECAUTIONS—A GREAT DEPRESSION INSPIRED SOCIAL SECURITY—BANK CRASHES BROUGHT GOVERNMENT GUARANTY—WHAT WILL AMERICA DO ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE, AND MORE AND MORE BOYS' CLUBS?

*Charles Biro*



CONGRATULATIONS, MR. NEWLAND! I HEARD THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED YOUR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM BILL! IT'S THE BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD IN A LONG TIME!

THANK YOU, C.B.! I'M GLAD IT'S FINALLY PASSED! THE CITY HAS NEEDED A GOOD RECREATION PROGRAM FOR YEARS!

I'LL BET THAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WILL DROP AT LEAST NINETY PER CENT WHEN YOUR PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING, NEWLAND! I'M CERTAIN IT WILL! SOME PEOPLE HAVE OPPOSED THE BILL AS A NEEDLESS EXPENSE BUT ONCE THEY SEE HOW VANDALISM AND JUVENILE CRIME DECREASE, THEY'LL REALIZE THAT EVERY DOLLAR SPENT THIS WAY SAVES FIVE OR MORE SPENT ON REFORM!

SAY, MR. NEWLAND...

HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ON YOUR BILL? AFTER ALL OUR WORK PUSHING IT THROUGH THE COUNCIL, MAYOR BILLINGS HAS JUST VETOED IT!

WHAT? HE—I DON'T BELIEVE IT! EXCUSE ME, C.B., I MUST GO SEE HIM, IMMEDIATELY!









I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT BILLINGS COULD BE SO SHORT-SIGHTED! INSTEAD OF SEEING THE GOOD OF MY BILL—ALL HE COULD SEE WAS THE EXPENSE! NO WONDER THE JUVENILE COURTS OF OUR CITY ARE JAMMED WITH CASES!



HEY, MOM! I'D, POP! G'BYE—I'M ON MY WAY TO THE PARK WITH THE BOYS TO PLAY BALL!



DON'T FORGET TO BE NICE TO ROGER NEWLAND IF YOU SEE HIM! YOUR FATHER'S BATTLE IS NO CONCERN OF YOURS!

LOOK, GANG! HERE COMES ONE OF THEM UPTOWN Sissy-PANTS ON SKATES! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIM!



YEAH, BOJO, LET'S NO AROUND WITH HIM!

HEY! LET ME TRY!

NOBODY PASSES US ON SKATES! TAKE 'EM OFF!



NO! WHY SHOULD I?

DID YOU HEAR THAT, GANG? HE NEEDS A LESSON!



LEAVE ME ALONE! LET ME GO!

SURE! WE'LL LET YOU GO—WHEN WE'RE GOOD AND READY!



HEY! COME BACK WITH MY SKATES! THAT'S STEALING!

HA-HA-HA! QUICK, GANG, SCRAM BEFORE HE STARTS YELLIN' FOR A COP!



HOW ABOUT IT, BOJO? WANT TO GET GONG?

HEY, KNUCKLES, QUIT HOGGING THAT SKATE! YOU'VE HAD IT LONG ENOUGH!

LET'S GO OVER TO PETERS FIELD AND PLAY BALL!

















FLUDDING THE OFFICER, BOJO COMES UPON ROGER, THE MAJOR'S SON, IN THE PARK BICYCLING...

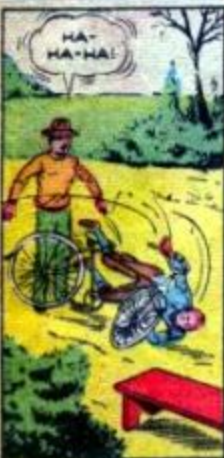
[PUFF! PUFF!] GOSH, SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH MY BIKE! I NEVER NOTICED IT WAS HARD PEDALING UP THIS HILL... BEFORE!



OH, IT'S YOU! OKAY, FUN IS FUN NOW LET GO!



HEY! CUT IT OUT WILL YOU?



HA-HA-HA!



THAT'S NOT FUNNY YOU MUG!

WANNA MAKE SOMETHING OF IT? NAW! YOU'RE TH' KIND THAT'S CHICKEN WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT!



OH! SO YOU DO WANNA FIGHT!



I'LL BEAT YOUR EARS OFF!



NOT SO'S YOU'D NOTICE IT!







AS SOON AS I CALL AN AMBULANCE I'LL BE ALONG! YOU GO BACK AND WAIT THERE!

OKAY! ONLY HURRY! I THINK HE'S HURT BAD! I'M GONNA TRY TO FIND OUR BASEBALL STUFF, TOO!

THEY MUST'VE HIT ROGER WITH A ROCK OR SOMETHING- HEY, HERE'S OUR BASEBALL STUFF! BUT A BAT AND GLOVE ARE MISSING!

OH-OH! THERE'S OUR BAT AND PITCHER'S GLOVE! I'LL SHOW HIM!



WHO'S YELLOW NOW, YOU CROOK!

THIS TIME YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE YOUR GANG TO HELP YOU!

OUCH! HEY! I QUIT! LAY OFF!



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GO BACK AND WAIT WHERE THAT BOY WAS HURT!

SURE, I KNOW. BUT I STOPPED ON THE WAY TO PICK UP OUR BASEBALL EQUIPMENT AND FOUND THIS SNEAK WALKING OFF WITH IT! ANYHOW, HE'S ONE OF THE GANG THAT SLUGGED ROGER! WE SAW 'EM RUN OFF!

IN THAT CASE WE'LL JUST TAKE HIM ALONG WITH US!

THE BOY IS VERY BADLY HURT-A POSSIBLE FRACTURE!

LEMMIE GO! I DON'T DO IT! I NEVER TOUCHED HIM!

YOU CAN TELL YOUR STORY AT THE STATION HOUSE!





TO GUESS HIS CHANCES ARE PRETTY SLIM!

IT'S MAJOR BILLINGS' SON! THIS BOY MEANS EVERYTHING TO HIM!



IF MY SON DIES, I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL I CATCH THE BOYS WHO DID IT AND PUT THEM BEHIND BARS FOR LIFE!

NOW, HOLD ON, BILLINGS! WE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SON, BUT IN A WAY THIS IS YOUR OWN DOING!



IF YOU'D SHOWN MORE INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THE KIDS OF THIS CITY, THIS TRAGEDY MIGHT NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!



LOOVER IS RIGHT, MAJOR BILLINGS! THOSE KIDS WOULDN'T BE BAD IF THEY HAD SOMETHING BETTER TO DO WITH THEIR SPARE TIME!

IF THEY DON'T GET EXCITEMENT IN SPORTS, THEY'LL MAKE IT FOR THEMSELVES! AND IF THEY AREN'T TAUGHT SPORTSMANSHIP, THEY GET LAWLESS!

BUT THEY DELIBERATELY TRIED TO KILL MY SON! ARE YOU TAKING THEIR SIDE?

THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH! KNUCKLES, THE ONE BOY OF THE GANG THE POLICE CAUGHT SAID IT ALL STARTED AS A FIGHT OVER ROGER'S BIKE! HE'S SCARED STIFF OVER THE WAY IT TURNED OUT!



HE SHOULD BE SCARED! I'LL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THOSE BOYS!

THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER! IT WON'T CURE WHAT'S WRONG! YOU HAVE TO GET AT THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE! YOU MUST CORRECT THE CONDITIONS SO THAT THIS SORT OF THING CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

NEWLANDS' BILL WHICH YOU VETTED WAS AIMED AT HELPING BOYS LIKE THIS FIND THEIR EXCITEMENT IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS! THAT'S THE REAL ANSWER!

THAT'S YOUR OPINION!





IF HE DES  
THEY'LL PUT US  
IN JAIL FOR  
LIFE! I'LL BE  
MURDERERS!



YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE SOCKED HIM  
WITH THAT ROCK! NO  
KIDDING, BOJO! THAT  
WAS A CRAZY  
THING TO DO!

SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU!  
AND QUIT WORRYING! ALL  
THAT DOPEY JAIL TALK!  
THEY DON'T KNOW WHO  
DID IT IN THE FIRST PLACE  
SO HOW ARE THEY GOING  
TO CATCH US?



S'POB! HE COMES TO LONG ENOUGH  
TO TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED?

MAYBE HE WON'T REMEMBER!  
HEY, SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'  
ON THE DOOR! MAYBE  
IT'S THE GOP!



YES, IT'S ME! AND DON'T TRY  
ANY RUNNY STUFF! THE POLICE  
KNOW ALREADY, BOJO! THEY  
CAUGHT KNUCKLES, AND HE  
TOLD US THE WHOLE STORY!



WHY THAT  
DIRTY SQUEALER!  
ANYHOW, IT'S ALL  
A LIE! DON'T  
BELIEVE HIM!



LOOK, FELLOWS, YOU KNOW  
WHAT KNUCKLES TOLD US  
WHAT HAPPENED! WHY NOT  
WAKE A CLEAN BREAST OF  
IT? GO TO THE POLICE,  
GIVE YOURSELF UP!



DON'T LISTEN  
TO HIM! YOU GET  
OUT OF HERE -  
C.B.!



YOU HEARD ME! GET  
OUT OF HERE! GET OUT  
FAST BEFORE I THROW  
YOU OUT!



C'WON GANG, LET'S SHOW  
THIS PHONY HOOKEY PLAYER  
WHAT HAPPENS TO NOSEY  
DOPEYS WHO STAY WHERE  
THEY AREN'T WANTED!



OKAY, BOJO - IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU  
WANT I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE!









MY JOEY! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D BE A BAD BOY! ALL HE TOLD ME TODAY WAS THAT HE WAS GOING TO PLAY! I HOPE THE MAYOR WILL SEE US!

MY BARNIE NEVER DID ANYTHING WRONG BEFORE! THE MAYOR MUST GIVE HIM A SECOND CHANCE!

IF ONLY THE MAYOR WILL FORGIVE MY SON AND NOT PRESS CHARGES! MY BOY WAS A GOOD BOY UNTIL HE WENT RUNNING AROUND WITH WHAT HE CALLS "HIS GANG"!

THE TROUBLE IS THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THEIR FREE TIME SO THEY GET INTO MISCHIEF! FIRST IT'S JUST A BROKEN WINDOW AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT'S SERIOUS TROUBLE!

THE MAYOR WILL SEE YOU NOW!

PLEASE, MAYOR BILLINGS, GIVE MY BOY ANOTHER CHANCE! HE'S NOT REALLY A BAD BOY! HE JUST GOT IN BAD COMPANY!

AND MY JOEY—HE KNOWS BETTER! IT'S JUST THAT ALL BOYS ADMIRE SOMEONE OLDER AND IMITATE THEM! IF THERE HAD BEEN SOMEONE GOOD TO BE THEIR LEADER INSTEAD OF THIS WILD BOY, BOJO, THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!

WHAT THE BOYS DID WAS WRONG, OF COURSE! HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT THEY WERE DUDES OF BOJO'S! BY ACCEPTING HIM AS THEIR LEADER THEY WALKED INTO TROUBLE!

IN SOME WAYS I FEEL RESPONSIBLE! AS MAYOR IT IS MY DUTY TO SEE THAT THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE CITY HAVE PROPER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SO THAT THEY WON'T BE TEMPTED TO SEARCH FOR EXCITEMENT BY BREAKING THE LAW! I HAVE BEEN SLOW IN RECOGNIZING THAT RESPONSIBILITY!

ALL THAT IS CHANGED NOW! EFFECTIVE AT ONCE, I AM ESTABLISHING A NEWLAND BOYS' CLUB. AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOJO, I WILL RELEASE YOUR BOYS WITH THE PROVISION THAT THEY BE PAROLED TO THE COUNSELOR OF THE CLUB!

OH, THANK YOU, SIR!

THAT'S WONDERFUL!

IF THEY HAVE A CLUB, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT!



A WEEK AGO, I'D HAVE SENT YOU TO JAIL, BUT NOW I CAN SEE THAT YOUR BEHAVIOR ISN'T ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU HAVE NO PARENT TO TEACH YOU RIGHT AND WRONG! SO ON C.B.'S RECOMMENDATION, I'VE ARRANGED TO SEND YOU TO BOYS' VILLAGE NEXT WEEK!

IT'S A SWELL PLACE, BOUD! I THINK YOU'LL LIKE IT!



I THINK YOU HANDLED THIS WHOLE THING WONDERFULLY, MAYOR BILLINGS, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUR OWN PERSONAL FEELINGS ARE SO CLOSELY INVOLVED!

YOU SENT FOR ME, MAYOR BILLINGS?



YES! HERE'S THAT RECREATIONAL BILL OF YOURS THAT I VETOED LAST WEEK! I'VE MADE A FEW CHANGES ON IT!



YOU'LL NOTICE THAT I'VE ASKED THE APPROPRIATION BE INCREASED TO FIVE MILLION DOLLARS! EXCUSE ME - THE PHONE!



MAYOR BILLINGS? THIS IS DR TAYLOR! I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU! THE CRISIS HAS PASSED! YOUR SON, ROGER, HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AND IS GOING TO LIVE!



IT'S THE DOCTOR! MY SON IS GOING TO LIVE!

SEE, YOU HOLD THE BAT LIKE THIS! IN THAT WAY YOU CAN REALLY WALLOP IT!



SO THAT'S HOW BOBBY IS ABLE TO SOCK THOSE HOWERS! EVEN THOUGH HE'S SMALLER THAN A LOT OF US! LET ME TRY IT!

ATTA BOY, KNUCKLES! SEE-IT'S EASY WHEN YOU KNOW 'EM!  
HEY, FELLERS, C.B. IS HERE WITH APPLICATIONS FOR US TO FILL OUT. WE'RE GONNA GET REAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS AN' ALL!



OH, BOY! IF I JOIN, CAN I WEAR AN EMBLEM ON MY SHIRT, TOO?  
YOU MEAN ANY OF US CAN USE THE CLUBHOUSE IF WE JOIN? GOLLY, GIVE ME AN APPLICATION, QUICK!



OH, BOY, CAN I BRING MY BROTHER?

HEY, WHEN IS OUR FIRST MEETING?

The End





























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## A CHAIR FOR SCARSDALE

BY THE REV. GUY S. TERRY

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